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Joyner Park Phase I Promises Exciting Cultural Opportunities

Purchased in 2003 by the Town of Wake Forest, Joyner Park is a beautiful 117-acre farm property just west of downtown featuring rolling open fields that overlook the Richland Creek valley.

Construction on Joyner Park Phase I is scheduled to begin this summer and - once completed - promises a number of new and unique cultural opportunities for area residents.

Among the coming attractions slated for inclusion in the first phase are the restoration of the existing farm buildings and the pecan grove, and the additions of a log cabin, an amphitheatre, a performance space and garden area. The erection of a stone ribbon wall and the installation of approximately three miles of walking trails are also scheduled for the initial phase of development.

Of particular interest to the Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association (WFCAA) is the construction of the amphitheatre and the performance area. During a recent WFCAA meeting, Susan Simpson, Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Director and town liaison to the WFCAA, presented the plan and highlighted some of the programs that are possible at Joyner Park.

According to Simpson, the amphitheatre will provide lawn seating for 1,000 people while the performance area, which will be enclosed, will offer a more intimate setting. The amphitheatre promises to be a wonderful venue for concerts and possibly the Six Sundays in Spring series, which continues to gain in popularity. Uses for the performance area are endless but may include storytelling, poetry readings, and even small symphony groups.

Additionally, the character and rich history of the farm buildings and pecan grove make the park an ideal location for any number of area festivals and events.

The Town of Wake Forest and the WFCAA enjoy a shared vision for Joyner Park and believe their continued partnership offers a unique and effective way of providing an exciting array of cultural opportunities for the citizens of Wake Forest.



Another Successful Season of 6 Sundays in Spring

This year's Six Sunday's in Spring concert series wrapped up Sunday, May 27 with the delightful sounds of Molasses Creek straight from the shores of Ocracoke.

The series kicked-off April 22 with the jazz band, Moment's Notice which wooed the crowd with their mellow sounds. Their 16-year old vocalist Paul Daniels Jr. captured the audience with his mature and smooth sounds fit for an R&B superstar. That Sunday, the lawn of the Wake Forest College Birthplace Museum saw a crowd of about 500 people. A great way to start off the series.

The following Sunday, Andy Thorn and Bolin Creek took to the stage with their traditional bluegrass sounds and entertained the crowd.

Freddie Greene saved the day the weekend of May 6, when the

Carolina Chocolate Drops canceled at the last minute. But always a favorite, Greene stepped up and played his saxophone and jazz guitar like a pro.

And always a crowd pleaser, the Al Williams Band made an

The raffles this year went off extremely well and included generous donations from *The Wake Weekly*, Anna's Gourmet Goodies, Holding Oil, Shorty's, N.C. Specialty Stores, Allen Montague and Milton's Pizza.

The money raised from the Sunday raffles will help the WFCAA in hiring bands for next year's series which will hopefully

be held at the new Joyner Park.

The Six Sundays event would also not be possible without the generous support of the Town of Wake Forest and the United Arts Council.

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all over the Triangle just to take part in this great community tradition.

Credit must also be given to Jim Wallace, WFCAA board member, who arranged the mix of performers for this year's concert series. Each performance was met with positive feedback, therefore credit must be given where it is due.

The WFCAA's yearly membership drive is underway, so if you've ever considered joining this wonderful organization, now is the perfect time!

A family membership is only \$25. It takes about 60 family memberships to put on just one Six Sundays Concert, so all support is welcome and appreciated.

If you'd like to join, checks can be sent to WFCAA, P.O. Box 528, Wake Forest, N.C. 27588.

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appearance for Mother's Day. Though it was a little windy, the sky was blue and the crowd was as big as any.

Chuck and the WagginEars performed on May 20 on another warm, and beautiful southern evening. The weather was just right for the down-home, back-porch sounds of this bluegrass trio.

Why Join the Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association?

By Gail Joyner, Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association Vice President

I can give you my reasons and share my experiences since I first joined 16 years ago.

My husband I moved to Wake Forest from Raleigh in 1990. This is his hometown with a long-time family business (Shorty's) and roots going back several generations. I saw articles and fliers about this fledgling organization called the Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association, and I thought it would be a good way to meet people and become familiar with what my new hometown had to offer. I also wanted more than the commute into Raleigh for work – come home routine. I don't remember who or how, but after attending several events, the next thing I knew I was serving on the Board (1991-93). Wake Forest has a wealth of very talented people willing to share their skills and experiences in classes

and workshops. There was something about the expression on people's faces in those classes that got me hooked. You know the look..."Wow, I didn't know I could do that, and it's really pretty good!"

For me, the icing on the cupcake was helping start a community chorus, The Wake Forest Singers, and serving as the liaison with the Cultural Arts Board even when I was no longer serving on the Board.

Wake Forest has just about tripled in size since 1990 bringing in new homes, businesses and people from many diverse backgrounds. Cultural Arts has gone from classes and events for a small number of people to a public concert series that packs the Birthplace lawn for Six Sundays and partners with other groups for home and garden tours, artist studio tours and downtown events. Being a member of Cultural

Arts is a way to put your finger on the pulse of the community and connect with Wake Forest's past, present and future. Membership also allows you the opportunity to celebrate the wonderful

human resources here and to add color and pizzazz to your life. Finally, being a part of the Cultural Arts scene is also a way to add to the rich soil that grows families.

Changing of the Guard

Effective July 1, 2007 the Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association welcomes new officers and board members who have agreed to serve during the 2007-2008 season. This is also the time the association expresses appreciation to board members who are continuing to serve and all those who will be involved in various capacities.

New officers are Eren Tataragasi, President; Gail Joyner, Vice President; Maureen Seltzer, Secretary; and Janet Travis, Treasurer

Continuing Board Members are Susan Simpson (administrative liaison with the Town of Wake Forest), Cathee Miller, Stephanie Kaeberlein, Bettie Murchison, Robin Hendricks, Lynn Rast and Sean Conley.

New Board Members are Kenille Baumgardner, Neal Seltzer, Elizabeth Hayes, Fran Shipiro. The Immediate Past President: is Kathryn Spiegel.

YES!

I would like to support cultural arts in Wake Forest!

Membership Benefits

As a member of the Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association, you will receive our monthly newsletter, along with notices of classes and special events, and discounts on classes. Membership entitles you to an invitation to members-only functions which include special concerts and artists' receptions. Members investing \$100 or more annually will be recognized on all printed programs and newsletters.

Investment Options (*choose one*)

Individual/Family	\$25	Patron	\$500 +
Benefactor	\$250 - \$499	Event Sponsor	
Sponsor	\$100 - \$249		

Membership dues are annual. The membership runs from July 1 to June 30. All dues are tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to:
Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association, PO Box 528, Wake Forest, NC 27588

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